

FORM B - BUILDING

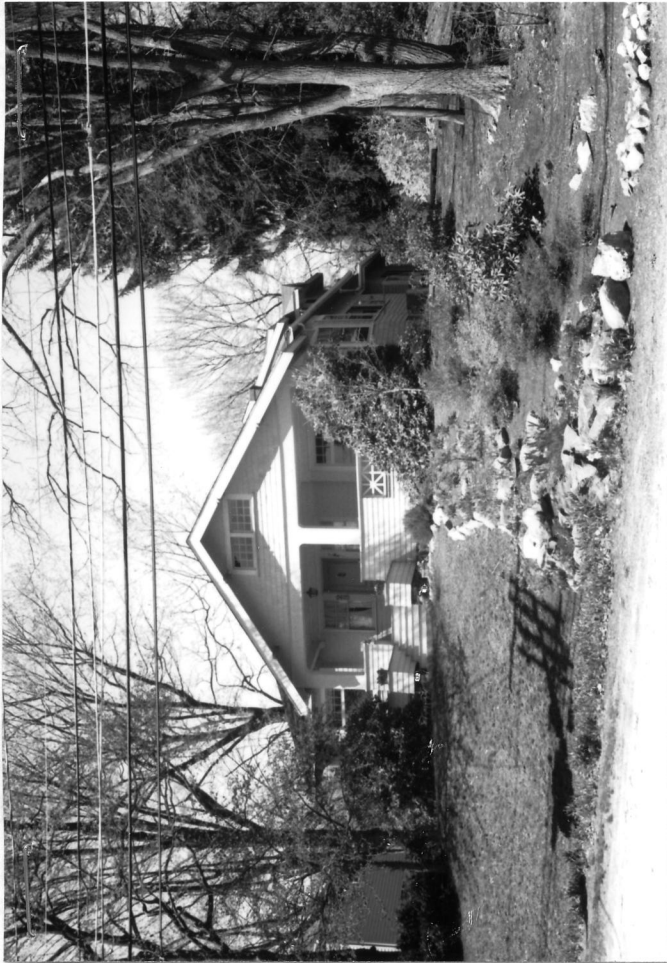
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Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1074,1075

Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 23 Lincoln Street

Historic Name William Hannam House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1910-1911

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage facing Audubon Road (MHC #1075)

Major Alterations (with dates) 1989 - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 15,255 SF

Setting early 20th century residential area opposite

Hayden Rec. Center

Sketch Map



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) April 2000

BUILDING FORM (23 Lincoln Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

A good example of an early 20th century bungalow, 23 Lincoln Street (MHC #1074) is a 1 1/2-story, wood shingled dwelling which rests on a stone foundation laid with a distinctive raised bead joint. Typical of the style, the house displays a gently-pitched, broad gablefront. The overhanging eaves are decorated by exposed rafters and at the top of the gable is a horizontal pair of 4 x 3-light windows. The front gable shelters an open porch which is divided into two bays by square posts which are spanned by a horizontal beam which curves at the top of the posts. The posts rest on a shingled wall which is punctuated to the east by an inset star balustrade. The wooden front stairs are flanked by shingled sidewalls resting on a stone foundation.

Facing the house, the entrance is to the left and contains a wooden door with two raised panels, flanked by two 6/1 windows with molded surrounds. To the right is a large picture window consisting of a large single-pane window with a 6 x 2-light transom, set in a tapered surround. A similar picture window is located to the left of the projecting front porch and is supported by paired brackets. Fenestration on the side elevations includes a band of three 3 x 4-light windows on the west side and a three-sided bay window with 6/1 windows on the east.

Behind the original house is a large wood-shingled addition constructed in 1989. Fenestration includes casements, sliders and 1/1 sash. A porch on the west side echoes the front porch and displays a similar overhang with exposed rafters.

The house is set above the level of the street. A paved path leads up from the street and mature sugar maples shade the front yard. Behind the house is a wood-shingled garage (MHC #1075), oriented with its gablefront facing Audubon Road. The garage is notable for retaining its double accordion doors. Each of the six panels consists of a 2 x 2-light upper glass over two recessed vertical panels.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

It appears that this house was constructed c.1910-11 for William H. Hannam of Somerville. The 1910 Valuation List indicates that Hannam was assessed for an unfinished house valued at \$3000. In 1911 the value of the house was set at \$4,000, suggesting its completion. Directories indicate that William Hannam was a salesman who worked in Boston. Linnette Hannam was still living here in 1950. Later owners included Raymond and Lillian Lipscomb and Frank and Catherine Lind.

The present owner had been told that this may be a Sears & Roebuck house but no verification could be found.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Stevenson, Katherine Cole and Jandl, H. Ward. Houses by Mail: A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company. Washington, D.C.: Preservation Press, 1986.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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